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SUB: SQUATTER EVICTIONS TO RECOMMENCE

REF: CAPE TOWN A-67

SUMMARY: SQUATTERS AT UNIBEKK CAMP OUTSIDE CAPE TOWN
REPORTEDLY RECEIVED EVICTION NOTICES TODAY IN PREPARATION
FOR DEMOLITION OF THE CAMP. END SUMMARY.

1. REPAIR REPORTED DECISION BY SAG LAST OCTOBER, FOLLOWING
TALKS BETWEEN P VORSTER AND TRANSKEI PRIME MINISTER
MATANZIMA, TO DEFER FURTHER SQUATTER EVICTIONS IN CAPE
TOWN UNTIL NEXT YEAR, I.E., 1978. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS
BANTU AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION BOARD (BAAB) OFFICIALS BEGAN
ISSUING EVICTION NOTICES TODAY TO BLACK SQUATTERS AT UNIBELL
CAMP IN BELLVILLE OUTSIDE CAPE TOWN IN PREPARATION FOR
DEMOLITION WHICH DUE "VERY SHORTLY". REPORTS SAID SOME
2,000 SHANTEES HOUSING ABOUT 10,000 PEOPLE ARE TO
BE DEMOLISHED.

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2. TRANSKEIAN "CONSUL" IN CAPE TOWN, CHIEF M.A.
DUMALISILE TOLD PRESS "THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT
IT. IT SEEMS THEY ARE DETERMINED TO DEMOLISH ALTHOUGH
WE ARE MEANT TO BE SOLVING THIS PROBLEM BY TALKING."

BAAB CHAIRMAN J.H. VAN DER WESTHUYZEN, TOLD PRESS THERE

WAS DANGER OF TYPHOID AT CAMP DUE TO POOR SANITATION AND WASTE REMOVAL AND THAT HEALTH OFFICIALS HAD WARNED CAMP WAS A HEALTH RISK.

3. MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE UNIBELL POPULATION IS AT LEAST 15,000, PARTICULARLY SINCE MANY EVICTED FROM OTHER CAMPS LAST YEAR MOVED INTO UNIBELL. ASSUMING BAAB PROCEEDS WITH DEMOLITION, MAJOR QUESTION IS WHERE EVICTEES WILL RELOCATE, PARTICULARLY SINCE TRANSKEI OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THEY WILL PERMIT ENTRY INTO TRANSKEI ONLY OF THOSE FOR WHOM HOUSING IS AVAILABLE. LOOMING IN BACKGROUND IS QUESTION OF WHETHER BAAB ALSO INTENDS TO DEMOLISH THE OLDER AND MORE ESTABLISHED CROSSROADS CAMP WHICH HOUSES ANOTHER 20-25,000 PEOPLE.

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